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## ITEMS.

This issue of THE ITEM will be sent to the subscribers of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* who are not regular recipients of this paper. It is only distributed as a sample copy edition, and we hope to increase the size of our present subscription list very materially.

We wish to draw the attention of those receiving this sample copy to the fact that the reference following the name on the wrapper only applies to the expiration of the subscription to *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, and has nothing whatever to do with THE ITEM.

An example of this paper's enterprise in gathering all important philatelic news and placing it at the disposal of subscribers at the earliest possible moment is fitly demonstrated by this issue. Any event of philatelic importance, occurring anywhere in the world, is reported to THE ITEM and its subscribers are immediately supplied with the information.

Public attention has been centered on Boston during the past few days, on account of the magnificent collection of stamps being disposed of by the Woodward Company of that city. This sale commenced March 11th and yesterday's edition of THE DAILY STAMP ITEM reported the important lots, with prices obtained. Under the "Boston Dispatch" we had three columns of matter, and in to-day's report an increase of several hundred words. The next session of the sale, to be held to-night, will be reported in due form in to-morrow's issue.

We give this as an illustration of the dispatch with which important philatelic news is published. Collectors who wish to feel that they are in touch with the market, and those who desire to be fully informed as to all matters of interest and importance

that occur from day to day, cannot afford to do without this paper. Dealers find it of great importance on account of the exposure of dishonest persons, and the report of new issues and discoveries.

The really marvelous success of THE DAILY demonstrates the general and intense philatelic interest there is in this country. A paper of this nature seems to be a necessity, and this is shown more clearly to the subscriber after he has received it daily for a month. As a matter of convenience, many subscribe for a full year, but those who are in doubt as to the interest the paper may have for them should try it for a shorter period. As to the renewals, we know that "once a subscriber always a subscriber."

*The American Philatelist*, issued by F. B. Estabrook (March issue), formerly known as *The American Philatelist and Collector*, is the only philatelic exchange received to-day. *The American Philatelist* (*bona fide*), the annual publication of the American Philatelic Association, will be mailed next Monday.

A great many foreign collectors will receive this issue of our paper, and we wish to call their attention to the fact that the foreign subscription list is \$6.00 per year. This is on account of the postage. There is much in THE DAILY STAMP ITEM to interest our European friends, and we hope for a continuance of their liberal support.

## A CORRECTION.

One of our advertisers, Mr. T. S. Clark, draws our attention to a mistake appearing in his advertisement in THE ITEM, No. 55.

Only the transposition of one letter in a two-letter word, but it makes a great difference in the sense, as we are assured by Mr. Clark. It should have read: "3 cents extra on orders under \$1.00," instead of "3 cents extra, no orders under \$1.00." The advertisement is re-inserted in this issue.

## DAILY OFFER.

We will add something different in this space every day at about cost price, to make things interesting for our readers.

Wholesale orders declined from this list. CASH must accompany ALL orders.

\*Indicates unused. ‡Both used and unused. All others used.

Mexico, 1884, 1 peso	\$ 35
*Mauritius, 1849-59, mureta	4 50
*Gibraltar, 1899, 5 pesetas ( <i>with jump</i> )	1 75
*Norway, 1894, 3, 5, 10, 20 ore	18
*Columb. Rep., 1892, 1 p., blue on greenish	70
*Trinidad, 1850, 1 sh. blue-black	4 00
United States, 1847, 10c. <i>fine</i>	3 00
*Queensland, 1861, Registered, yellow	4 25
Mexico, 1861, 8r., black on red-brown	1 90
*Gibraltar, 1895, 2p.	56
*Cyprus, 1894, 9pi	35
*Cyprus, 1894, 18pi	70
*Cyprus, 1894, 45pi	1 70
Mexico, 1861, 8r., green on red-brown	2 65
U. S. Env. 1855, 10c. green on white, die 2, used entire, <i>fine</i> , with 10c. stamp 1857 in addition	7 50
*U. S. 1875, 15c. orange (56th Ed. 75c.)	35
U. S. Env. 1853, 3c. Die 4, on white, cut square, <i>fine</i>	9 00
*India, 1895, 5 rupees (56th Ed. \$2.75)	1 85
*India, 1895, 3 " (56th Ed. \$1.75)	1 10
*India, 1895, 2 " (56th Ed. \$1.20)	75
*Luxemburg, 1893, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c., 1 fr., set of 8	75
*U. S. 1887, 3c. vermilion (56th Ed. 15c.)	07
*Br. East Africa, 1890-94, ¼, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, 8½, 1r. (56th Ed. \$2.40)	10 for 1 60
Bolivia, 1897, 5c. violet (56th Ed. \$5.50)	3 00
*St. Lucia, 1891, 10sh., lilac and black	3 00
*Bermuda, 1873, 1sh. green (56th Ed. 60c.)	35
Mexico, 1856, ½, 1, 2, 4r., set of four	85
West Australia, Revenue, used, on original cover, 1sh. rose, used on letter	3 50
Jamaica Revenues, used, on original covers, 1½p. and 3p., used on letter (56th Ed. \$2.00)	6 00
1sh. rose, used on letter (56th Ed. \$8.00)	5 50
U. S. Env. 1860, 10c. green on buff, used, <i>fine</i> , entire, less than cut square price	29 50
*U. S. Columbian, 1893, \$2.00	4 00
U. S. Columbian 1893 \$1. good used copy	5 00
*Barbados, 1852, 1p., blue on blue paper (56th Ed. \$4.00)	1 90
*Cores, 1895, 5, 10, 25, 50p., set of 4	20
*Trinidad, 1854, 1p., dull lilac or white (56th Ed. \$6.00)	2 50
Mexico, 1884, 10 pesos, <i>fine</i>	8 75
*Madagascar, 1893, 1p., 1st issue	25
*Ratanas, 1851, imperf. pair 1p. (56th Ed. \$16.00)	10 00
*Shanghai, 1889, 20c. on 100c., red surcharge on blue (56th Edition, \$3.00)	90
*Grenada, 1895, 3p., new type	08
Nova Scotia, 3d. blue (56th Ed. \$1.50)	1 00
Nova Scotia, 1860, 2c. mauve (56th Ed. 75c.)	40
Br. N. Borneo, 1887, 25c. (56th ed., 60)	30
Br. N. Borneo, 1887, 50c. (56th ed., 50)	25
Mexico 1856, 8 reales, <i>fine</i>	2 50
*Pacific S. N. Co., 1 real, blue on bluish	9 00
*Danish West Indies, 1895, 10c. on 50c. (Scott's, 25c.)	15
*Trinidad, 1851, red-brown on bluish (56th Ed. \$6.00)	2 25
*Paraguay, 1892, 50c., Official	50
*Cook Islands, 1893-94, 1, 1½, 2, 5, 10p., set	45
*Trinidad, 1851, deep blue on bluish, 56th Ed. \$6.00	2 50
*Brazil, 1888, 700r., 56 Ed. 75c.	30
*Obock, 2fr. triangular, 56 Ed. 80c.	45
*U.S. Officially sealed, <i>unused</i> , 56 Ed. \$3.00	1 00
*Peru, 1895, Regular, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c. (Llama) the 5 for	30
Western Australia "T. R." Revenue used postally, 2c. lilac and black	1 00
U. S., 1872-73, 12c. (two varieties)	1 00
*Luxemburg, 1894, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10c., both regular and official, set of 10	18
*U. S. Newspaper, 1865, 5c. large	1 50
*Portugal, 1895, 2½ to 200r., 13 var.	1 40
*Queensland 1861, 3p., star, 56 Ed. \$8.50	3 00

Postage extra on all orders of less than \$1.00.

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## DAILY REVIEW.

BY S. B. HOPKINS.

"Nesco," the Boston correspondent of the *Weekly Philatelic Era*, states that he has been requested by someone to "jump on" the remarks made by "Iberius" concerning auction sales, in a recent number of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*. Then he proceeds very properly to agree with each and every statement "Iberius" made on the subject. He says:

"The auction business has been overdone in Boston—it has been overdone all over the country and it has more or less injured trade and hurt confidence, as the prices which damaged stamps sold for, etc., have been sent out as the prices which these stamps brought 'at auction,' which was not just to the stamps.

"Also, in reference to the other article, stamps have been protected as he says, to a certain extent. 'Without reserve'—I don't think."

Then he adds that the dealers are not wholly responsible for this state of affairs. Most certainly not. The principal blame should rest upon this pernicious system of disposing of valuable stamps and the extreme readiness with which every price realized is accepted as an absolute criterion of value. No matter how badly the specimen may be "chewed up," on the one hand; no matter how many "owners' apron strings" may be tied to it, on the other; the price at which it is "knocked down" under the hammer is its actual value (?) in the eyes of collectors. In this fact will be found the great weakness of the auction method of selling stamps, and from this fact have arisen all its abuses.

We note with pleasure that this number of *The Era* was issued on time, or nearly so, and we hope this will be the rule hereafter. Also another special number is announced for March 28th, the one before us being dated March 7th.

*Welt-Post*, the organ of Friedl's International Postwertzeichen-Museum, is now in its twenty-first year. The February number is mostly devoted to a defense of the "Austrian Mercury Stamps," concerning which there has been so much controversy of late. Herr Friedl seems to make out a strong case for his stamps, although we have not read the articles very critically. Among the recent contributions to the Museum, we note the following "interesting counterfeit" of the 40c., 1874, for the Italian post-offices in the Levant: The common 40c. stamp

of 1862 has been adorned with a counterfeit surcharge, and the changed corner effects have been obtained by erasing the original corner ornaments, to correspond with the "Estero" type, and covering these erasures with white papier-mache, "and, lo, at first glance a deceptive and dangerous counterfeit."

A feature of *Welt-Post* that must be of great interest to collectors of philatelic literature is a complete reference list, by numbers, of all stamp papers received by the publisher. It is with pleasure that we announce a similar list to be published hereafter in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*. Of course, *THE ITEM* has always given this information, but not in reference list form. In another column of *Welt-Post* we note the following: "That well-known firm, the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Publishing Company of St. Louis, U. S. A., which has for some time issued the only stamp journal appearing regularly each week, began on January 1st of this year the publication of *THE DAILY STAMP ITEM*, a four-page sheet to appear every day, of which Nos. 1-7 have already arrived. This is a departure which marks the tremendous advance that has taken place in philatelic literature during recent times, especially in America, and we wish the first daily stamp paper the best of success."

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" 12½c. black, yellow paper. ....	1.20
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" 12½c. used. ....	90

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BOLIVIA, and CHILI,  
MEXICO,  
MEXICAN REVENUES,  
PERU,  
PARAGUAY and URUGUAY,  
UNITED STATES of COLOMBIA,  
VENEZUELA & WEST INDIES  
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## PLATE 170.

The upper or lower left pane of 100 stamps, 30 Type II, and 70 Type III, unused, complete, with margins, \$5.00, post-free.

Pair of 2c. Types II and III, unsevered, 50c.

Strip of 10 stamps across bottom with imprint and plate number, 3 Type II, 7 Type III, \$3.00.

Plate number and imprint at side showing three stamps, Type II, \$1.00.

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## NEW YORK DISPATCH.

New York City, March 13, 1896.

The W. F. Gregory auction sale was well attended Wednesday evening, in spite of the Boston attraction (Woodward sale).

\*United States, Justice Department, 90c., without gum...\$ 37.00

\*United States, State Department, \$2.00..... 17.50

Total amount of sale about \$1,400.00

Krassa is showing a block of four 3c., grilled all over, thin paper, canceled with two pen strokes on each stamp, unperfurated, for which \$500 is asked.

I have to-day received from a collector the United States 10c., 1861, manufactured variety, for examination, and regret to say that its reported fraudulent nature is evident enough. A few similar specimens have been reported of late, all originating from the same source. Warn dealers and collectors. IBERIUS.

## BROOKLYN ITEM.

Brooklyn, N. Y., March 11, 1896.

A New York City paper of this date announces that the Cuban Junta is about to begin to sell the postage stamps of the Cuban Government. The stamps have already been printed and they range in price from 2 cen-

tavos to 25 centavos. All bear the coat of arms of the Cuban Republic, consisting of the shield draped with Cuban flags. R. L. PERRY.

## CHICAGO DISPATCH.

Chicago, Ill., March 13, 1896.

Mr. E. B. Power, Manager of the Chicago Stamp & Coin Co., has just returned from Cincinnati, where he managed to pick up a collection of over ten thousand unused British Colonials. It is one of the finest lots seen here for some time, and although the price paid for them is not mentioned, it must have been way up in the thousands.

I notice the San Francisco correspondent in the *Weekly Era* laments the loss of the boy stamp trade and suggests some scheme to revive it. He mentions the scheme of the Duke cigarette house, and for his information will say that there is now a certain chewing gum concern which contemplates giving away a foreign stamp with each stick of chewing gum. I know this to be official, as I have been in correspondence with the firm on the subject and therefore there is a possibility of "philatelic chewing gum." There is no question that it will stimulate collecting, but is just as likely to strike the young man or woman as the small boy. P. M. W.

## DETROIT ITEMS.

BY KESSLER.

Detroit, Mich., March 11, 1896.

Detroit now boasts of one very valuable collection—that of Mr. R. D. Kay. It is estimated to be worth about ten thousand dollars.

The February auction sale of Messrs. F. H. Capper & Co., formerly Detroit Stamp Company, contained many very desirable stamps, such as the 3c., 1862, scarlet; 24c. and 30c., 1869; block of four 15c., unused, 1873, and a Broadway Local, gold and black.

Mr. C. H. Holden of Durand, Mich., was a recent visitor to this city.

Mr. S. L. Wing is in the city attending the Detroit Cycle Show.

The two-cent provisional due stamps, those of the 1894 regular issue, surcharged "Due 2," are being "made to order," by post-office clerks.

These were used only on June 21 and 22, 1895.

## BOSTON DISPATCH.

Boston, Mass., March 13, 1896.

Visitors from New York, Washington, Providence, Worcester and many other places made things brisk here yesterday.

Attendance at the Woodward sale was smaller than the first night, but still large. The important lots I have to report for the second night's sale (last night), Thursday, March 12th, were as follows:

- \*U. S., 1857-61, 6c., envelope, white paper, entire.....\$ 50.00
- \* 1857-61, 6c., envelope, buff paper, entire..... 67.00
- \* 1857-61, 10c., envelope, white paper, entire..... 25.00
- 1857-61, 10c., envelope, buff, cut square..... 15.00
- \* 1884, 2c., red, wrapper, Kellogg die, manila, entire... 11.00
- \* 1884, 2c., red, envelope, Kellogg die, blue paper, entire ..... 19.50
- \* 1886, 4c., envelope, blue paper, entire..... 13.75
- \* 1886, 4c., oriental buff paper, entire ..... 11.25
- \* 1887, 1c., envelope, Tiffany die, white paper, entire... 35.00
- \* 1878, War Dept., 12c., envelope, cream paper, entire, 15.00
- \* 1878, War Dept., 15c., envelope, cream paper, entire, 14.85
- \* 1878, War Dept., 30c., envelope, cream paper, entire, 27.00

## United States Locals.

- Cheever & Towle, 1850, 2c., blue, cut square, used on orig. cov. .... 20.25
- Hall & Mills' Free Dispatch Post, 1848, green paper, type 213, on cover..... 11.00
- Hartford Mail, 1844, pink paper, on cover..... 17.50

## Confederate Locals.

- Baton Rouge, 5c., 56th catalogue A2..... 67.00
- Baton Rouge, 5c., 56th catalogue A2..... 61.00
- Baton Rouge, 5c., 56th catalogue A3..... 73.00
- Columbia, S. C., 5c., envelope, amber paper..... 17.00
- Lynchburg, Va., 5c., used on cover ..... 35.50

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27. UNITED STATES—1887, purple on white ..... \$3.00  
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Nashville, 5c., brown, used on envelope .....	23.00	* 1859-64, 2c., block of 4.....	14.50
Confederate States Provisional, upper left diagonal half of 20c., used on cover.....	11.00	1868-69, 15c., thick water-marked paper.....	12.00
*Canada, 1851, 3d., laid paper..	12.75	1870, 1c., laid paper.....	12.50
1851, 6d., laid paper, horizontal pair.....	30.00	New Brunswick—6d.....	25.50
1851, 6d., thick laid paper, horizontal pair.....	20.00	6d., shade.....	22.75
1851, 12d., laid paper.....	445.00	6d., shade.....	27.00
* 1851, 12d., laid paper, horizontal pair.....	1,320.00	* 6d., shade.....	52.75
* 1852-57, 3d., wove paper, block of 4.....	26.00	6d., canceled "Province of," etc., in red.....	22.75
1852-57, 6d., wove paper, horizontal pair.....	26.00	6d., on cover.....	25.00
* 1852-57, 6d., wove paper, block of 4.....	160.00	6d., ribbed paper.....	71.00
* 1852-57, 6d. thick spongy paper .....	70.00	1sh.....	122.50
1853-57, 10d., thin paper....	14.50	* 1sh. violet, cut close.....	80.00
1853-57, 10d., very thick white paper.....	13.75	1sh. violet.....	110.00
1853-57, 10d., thin paper....	13.50	1sh. rose-lilac, on cover with 3d.....	140.00
* 1853-57, 10d., thin paper....	42.00	1sh., shade, on cover.....	135.00
1853-57, 10d., thin paper, horizontal pair.....	49.50	Provisional, triangular half 6d. on cover.....	27.00
1853-57, 10d., thin paper....	11.50	Provisional triangular half 6d. on cover.....	21.00
1853-57, 10d., thick white paper, strip of 3.....	182.00	Provisional, triangular half 6d., on cover (another)....	21.00
1857, 1/2d., block of 6.....	24.00	Provisional, lower triangular half of 6d., on cover... ..	17.00
1857, 1/2d., horizontal strip of 3.....	11.50	Provisional, triangular half of 3d. and two 3d. on part of cover.....	15.00
1857, 1/2d., vertical strip of 4, with imprint.....	18.50	Provisional, triangular half of 3d. and 6d., used as 7 1/2d. on cover.....	31.25
1857, 1/2d., horizontal strip of 6.....	20.00	Provisional, triangular half of 3d. and 6d., used as 7 1/2d. on cover.....	36.00
1857, 1/2d., horizontal strip of 6.....	19.75	* 12 1/2c., entire sheet of 100 stamps.....	42.00
1857, 7 1/4d., thick paper....	18.00	5c. Connell, thin paper proof, "specimen" in red.....	14.00
1857, 7 1/4d., thin paper.....	17.25	Newfoundland—2d. scarlet... ..	27.00
1857, 7 1/4d.....	21.00	4d. rose-red.....	22.10
* 1857, 7 1/4d., newly discovered die variety.....	77.00	6d. scarlet.....	67.00
1857, 7 1/4d., with imprint at left .....	25.50	* 6 1/2d. scarlet.....	68.00
1857, 7 1/4d. dark green.....	24.00	6 1/2d. scarlet.....	74.00
1857, 7 1/4d., horizontal pair..	150.00	6 1/4d. orange scarlet.....	82.00
1858, 1/2d., imperforate, ribbed paper.....	11.75	* 8d. scarlet, horizontal strip of 3.....	20.75
1858, 1/2d., imperforate, ribbed paper, horizontal pair.....	27.00	1sh. scarlet.....	153.00
1858, 1/2d., imperforate, ribbed paper, horizontal pair (another).....	27.00	1sh. scarlet, shade.....	149.00
1858, 1/2d., imperforate, cross-ribbed paper.....	14.00	1sh. scarlet, bright shade... ..	150.00
* 1858, 3d., imperforate, cross-ribbed paper.....	13.50	* 2d. orange, watermarked large T.....	16.00
* 1858, 6d., perforated.....	50.00	2d. orange, dark shade.....	12.50
1858, 1/2d., perforated, horizontally ribbed, bluish paper.....	75.00	4d. orange.....	17.25
		* 6d. orange, cut close.....	21.00
		6d. orange.....	12.50
		6d., deep orange, on part of cover .....	20.00
		1sh. orange.....	180.75
		4d. lake, horizontal pair, on original cover .....	11.00

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